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5R, MADAGASCAR. DL5UF, DK1CE and DF5WA will be active February 25th to March 10th. Operations will be on CW, SSB and RTTY with activities on 160-10 meters (including the WARC bands). Callsigns and QSL information will follow later.

9J, ZAMBIA. Brian, 9J2B0 is active daily on 1825 kHz (CW) around 0400z. He can also be heard on 10 and 15 meters CW (usually 25 kHz from the band edge) between 1330 and 1545z. George, 9J2GA has been heard on 1847 kHz (SSB) between 0345 and 0415z. He has also been heard on 80 meter SSB between 0415 and 0445z. Both (9J2B0 and 9J2GA) are hearing S9 signals from stateside stations on 160 meters.

A2, BOTSWANA. Burns, W4FOA, reports overhearing a conversation with Dave, A22MN, and another station that he (Dave) would be on 160 meters at 0330z all week for the next 2 weeks. He typically transmits on 1827 kHz and listens up 5 kHz. Dave is reportedly leaving A2 in the middle of March. QSL via WA8JOC.

A5, BHUTAN. A few JA sources report that Yasuo, JH1AJT, who was active with others as A51/JH1AJT recently, hopes to make a return sometime this summer. Yasuo has left all the rigs, antennas and amps in A5 and plans to go back again to activate the station once more, but with a longer operation.

DP1, SOUTH SHETLAND. Andy, DL7VTS, continues to be active as DP1KGI from Ardley Island until March 31st. He has been heard mainly on 20 meters operating CW, SSB and RTTY usually between 2300 and 0300z. He has also been heard on 40 meters SSB (7050/7185) around 0345z. QSL via DD6UAB.

IR, ITALY. GianFederico, IK0AZG, reports he will be airing the special callsign IR0C during most important contests in 1995. QSL via CBA or bureau.

S0, WESTERN SAHARA. Tim, KC0PA, has been active as KC0PA/S0. Over the past weekend, Tim has been very active on 12 and 17 meters. Check 18126 kHz between 1645 and 1800z and on 24950 kHz between 1415 and 1645z. He has also been heard on 3788 kHz around 2350z. Tim states he will be operating on all bands (but NO CW). He will send out QSLs after his

return home in August. His address is NO good in the callbook. His correct address is: Timothy Hardy, 137 Kelli Circle, Byron, GA 31008.

TG, GUATEMALA (UPDATE and CHANGE). Scott, KA9FOX, has learned that he will not be able to operate TG9GI for the upcoming ARRL DX SSB contest. Instead, he will operate "field day" style from atop a 6,000 ft mountain. Callsign will be TG0AA or TG0DX. Scott will also operate from the QTH of TG9AJR using the call TG/KA9FOX between March 1-7th.

TN, CONGO. (The TN2M and TN4U Saga.) After months of planning and a great deal of green stamps spent, the German team final was able to operate, but with many obstacles. The team had planned to make this the biggest operation to Congo. As time got closer to their departure date for TN-land and no official word from the authorities was given, the group began to plan a parallel operation to Maldives (8Q) in case the TN operation was cancelled. The planned DXpedition was to be active for the whole month of February. Then on January 21st, OPDX received a message from Holgert, DL7VTM, stating that he had to cancel their reservations and booked flights to the Congo because the official word still had not arrived. Three days later (24th), OPDX received another message stating the German team finally received the "OK" from the Congo authorities, and that they would be in Brazzaville on January 26th. The team was told (before leaving) they had permission from the Congolese Secret Police to operate for a period of 14 days ONLY. Upon their arrival in Brazzaville, the team was treated very rudely and were delayed from operating an additional 10 days. This left the team ONLY 4 days to set up and operate. In the 4 days, TN2M and TN4U operated on all bands, RTTY and the satellites. They made approximately a total of 13,100 QSO, which is an excellent feat (This is around 3,000 QSO per 24 hour period). Their operation went QRT as of February 9th and they were back in Berlin on the 10th. The QSL cards will be ready around the end of February or early March. All QSLs are to be sent to DL7VR0 in Berlin ONLY. (DL7VR0, Fritz Bergner, Sterndamm 199, D-12487 Berlin, Germany.)

At the present, there is only one other German operator (DL1YFF) with permission to operate in the Congo, his call is TN1M. This operator will be there for another 3 to 4 weeks. This station was heard this past week on 14239 kHz around 2115z. Another station signing TN1AT is unknown by the authorities and has no permission to operate. Meanwhile, the DXNL reports that DF1AL and DL6NW decided to cancel their planned DXpedition to Congo.

XU, CAMBODIA. Sanyi, XU7VK, from Phnom Penh, has renewed his licence which is valid until February 1996. He has also received a special callsign, XU95HA, which he can use on special events, such contests, and any special Cambodian or Hungarian celebrations. QSL via HA0HW, both calls.

XW, LAOS. Reports from the Tokyo PacketCluster indicate that two XWs stations are currently still active. XW2A and XW1BOD have been mainly active on 20 and 40 meters CW. The two station operat on 20 meters between 2300 and 0100z and on 40 meters between 1430 and 1700z; also between 2100 and 2230z. Many East coast stations need these two stations and would like the XWs to listen for them between 1100 and 1300z on

20 meters long path. (PASS THE WORD ON!) QSL XW1BOD via JA2BOD and XW2A via JA2EZD.

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